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The Ojai Camp

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THE most interesting event of recent years in theosophical affairs is, naturally enough, the Star Camp at Ojai, which closed May 28, after a session of a week. It was the first opportunity of American Theosophists to hear, and judge for themselves, the discourses of Mr. Krishnamurti, and well toward a thousand of them were present. The attendance was chiefly from the Pacific coast, of course, but there was a special train from the eastern states carrying 96 delegates. On the rear platform where ordinarily appears the customary legend, "Los Angeles Limited," or "Gold Coast Limited," etc., in a great illuminated circle, were instead the words "Order of the Star" with a large five pointed star in the center. It was not only the first Star special ever seen in the United States but was also undoubtedly the first train that ever crossed the continent serving exclusively vegetarian meals—a fact that furnished the sort of "copy" that the newspaper men are looking for.

The latter part of May is exactly the right time for the Camp in Ojai. Later the days would be too hot and earlier the nights would be too cold for comfort. The Camp appointments were all that the most critical could expect and

far superior to what some of us anticipated. A village of tents had been erected on the lower portion of the grounds with three large bath houses conveniently placed—shower baths with abundance of hot water. The tent village was laid out with street names and numbers and a convenient device was the use of colors to assist one at night in finding his location easily. For example, my tent was 51 Ruby Street. There were also Green Street and Amber Street and at the intersecting central avenue the street lamps were accordingly ruby, green, amber, etc. No inquiries were necessary for the colors of the street lights were a sure guide. Bath houses, kitchen and cafeteria are permanent buildings of substantial character and the commissary department was remarkably well organized. The food was what you would expect in a well appointed hotel, abundant and of the highest quality. All the construction and management activities were in the hands of Mr. Louis Zalk, of Duluth, and Mr. George Hall, of Krotona, and they had done and were doing the work so well that one heard daily exclamations of delighted surprise and praise. It is often said that Theosophists cannot do business successfully but the Ojai Camp demonstrates that some of them

can! The culinary department was an excellent illustration. It is no trifling matter to bring to a mountain camp with trucks the fresh vegetables and fruit, milk, butter, eggs and other provisions (and operate a bakery on the grounds) to feed many hundred people and *do it with an untrained force of amateurs hastily organized from volunteers*; yet the establishment ran as smoothly as any hotel that had been doing business for years! Nothing was lacking for the comfort of the guests. There was rather less waiting in line than you see at any popular cafeteria in a large city at the rush hours—an absolutely unavoidable thing at cafeterias and often on dining cars.

The Camp grounds are admirably varied, rising from the level lowland of the tent village in a three minutes' walk to the fine live oak grove where the audiences assembled, seated on the ground Indian fashion or in camp chairs if they preferred to bring them from their tents or from the stack of them near the cafeteria—a huge pile that was never exhausted.

From the oak grove the climb to the top of the hill was a bit strenuous for the older people and some of them preferred to drive up in automobiles. It was excellent exercise, however, for the great majority. Only in the evening was the hilltop used and then for the camp fire. After a musical program Mr. Krishnamurti lighted the great pile of wood built up loosely for easy combustion, and then, as it burned down to embers, made an address and usually read one of his poems. Each morning there was an address in the grove and twice written questions were answered.

Elsewhere in this number of the MESSENGER Mr. Krishnamurti's teaching is discussed.

Our Grandfather's Clock

The very finest gift recently arriving at Headquarters is a timepiece in which utility and beauty are in competition for "the reward of merit" as our school cards used to read. When we furnished the reception hall we knew there should be a clock that would be artistically in keeping with the room and the furniture but we had a limited amount to spend. We knew we *could* get on without a clock and did not feel like incurring a deficit of two or three hundred dollars, so we got no clock. But when Mr. H. L. Merry, national member, dropped in from his Connecticut home and looked over the place he instantly detected the missing note in the fitness of things—and naturally enough, for his profession is building and furnishing high class hotels and apartments. "You must have a clock for that panel on the west," he said, "and I will send one." He did, and the reception hall has gained that touch which means appropriate completeness. Only a clock of the "grandfather's" type would be in harmony with the high wood paneling and lofty ceiling and this new treasure fits into its place as though originally designed for it. Four times an hour the golden tones of the chimes float through the corridors and emphasize rather than disturb the tranquil spirit of the place.

Indorses Miss Mayo

Editor the MESSENGER:

I have just read your editorial on "Mother India" and your defense of the Indian people. Apropos of this, allow me to set down here a quotation from a well-known Master—"Where trouble is, where ignorance is, where suffering is, where injustice is, where oppression is, where cruelty is—there must we find the earnest members of our Society."

Catherine Mayo seems to have found her way to that particular location, and is having an uncomfortable time in more ways than one. Dr. Arundale says that she "has deeply wounded the feelings of a great nation." That same Dr. Arundale—God bless him—who tells us that "suffering is remedial," that its "essence is power and unbreakable unity." If India's ultimate destiny is to lead the world in ways of truth and beauty, she should never forget the "White Light that beats on a throne."

When Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote that famous book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," feeling ran high against her for a time; but who shall say that the writing of that book did not light a new fire on the altar of freedom and human brotherhood? The great Lincoln came later and made good a promise that if the opportunity ever presented itself, he would "hit the institution of slavery and hit it hard." And Lincoln has been called "the gentlest memory of our world."

In my personal opinion, that is just what Catherine Mayo has done. She has hit the solidly entrenched system of untouchability that is holding sixty million human beings in worse than slavery—and *hit it hard*. Who knows, but the Lords of Karma are behind her? God moves in a mysterious way.

AN UNIMPORTANT MEMBER.

Lecturers' Itineraries

Data in hand thus far from our national lecturers about the proposed itineraries is to the effect that Max Wardall will return late in September and from Oct. 1 to Mar. 1 will fill engagements between the Atlantic coast and California; that Fritz Kunz will in September begin on the south Pacific coast, go eastward via El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, etc., and will give the year to the southern states; that Dr. Pickett will, after Convention, give attention to Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida; that Mrs. Bartlett has laid out an itinerary beginning in the eastern lakes region in September, going eastward to New England, southward through Virginia to Georgia, northward through Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, etc., to Minnesota by March and later through Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas to Texas. Miss Scribner writes that she will accept engagements from September to June. Lodges wishing engagements with any of our lecturers may write them direct or through Headquarters.

A New Federation

LODGES in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana are uniting to form the "Central Theosophical Federation," whose purpose is "to be of greater service in the spread of Theosophic ideals within the Federation area, to help form new Lodges in unorganized territory, to promote the growth of existing Lodges whenever they so desire, and to cooperate with the national organization in public propaganda and in local undertakings."

The work of the Federation is being carried on through a system of organization that consists of twelve closely coordinating departments. As chairman of a department there is selected a member of the Board of Directors, who chooses his department personnel from the T. S. membership regardless of affiliation with the Federation. This brings greater numbers into the work and permits the selection of members best adapted to the work of the various departments.

The *Advertising and Publicity* Department prepares the Federation advertising matter, such as folders, publicity letters, newspaper notices, posters, etc.

The *Mailing and Propaganda* Department distributes such material, builds up the mailing list, and sends follow-up literature and notices to inquirers and those "Possibly interested."

The *Lecture and Extension* Department conducts the lecture and exchange bureau, and passes on proposed lecturers and their lectures, developing a list of Central Federation Lecturers. Study class leaders are registered in like manner. The extension work is that of starting Lodges and centers in new territory. Briefly, the plan is to establish favorable newspaper publicity, to give public lectures combined with class work, to develop local leadership, and to maintain continued helpful contact.

The *Public Relations* Department is one designed to be of service in contacts with uplifting movements. This department will list

members who are in such movements, and establish an exchange through which helpful ideas and solutions to problems sent in may be offered to other organizations through these members.

The *Order of Service* Department is planned to be of specific help to any Lodges needing assistance that the Federation can give, such as aiding in their class work, lectures, etc., and is to act as a link with the International Theosophical Order of Service.

The *Judiciary* Department has the work of drafting by-laws, and revisions or amendments to the constitution, and so forth.

The *House and Arrangements* Department rents halls, obtains chairmen, music, ushers, tickets, etc., for any public meetings under the auspices of the Federation.

The *Social Affairs* Department has the work of arranging and handling all details of any social affairs, such as receptions, banquets, dances, picnics, etc., under the auspices of the Federation.

The *Ways and Means* Department receives subscriptions and donations from the various member Lodges. As there are no dues for members, the Federation depends on voluntary contributions for funds to carry on its work.

The *Auditing* Department's duties are those of auditing the Federation books and accounts, and rendering reports thereon.

The *Membership* Department invites non-member Lodges in the Federation area to affiliate, and helps member Lodges in receiving full benefit from the Federation.

The *Public Forum* Department is prepared to develop a public forum to be carried on regularly in Chicago, and in other centers when advisable.

The officers of the Federation are: Daisie A. Hurd, President; Charles H. Mackintosh, First Vice-President; Martha R. Pellan, Second Vice-President; Clara F. Hoover, Recording Secretary; Minnie Smith, Corresponding Secretary; E. W. Rickard, Treasurer.

Jeanette M. Eaton

The passing on of Miss Jeanette M. Eaton, president of the Pittsburgh Lodge, T. S., brings to a close a long and useful life of a wonderful woman. She was one of the charter members of Pittsburgh Lodge starting in 1907, and during the twenty-one years of the organization Pittsburgh Lodge has had faithful workers who have come and gone, but Miss Eaton has been here always ready and willing to fill any need of the Society.

While the Theosophical Society was first with her, she had many other varied interests. She was principal of one of Pittsburgh's largest schools for twenty-eight years; she was president of the Pittsburgh Women's Club; member of the Principal's Club, New Era Club, Homewood Women's Club, Highland Chapter

of Eastern Star, Brashear Association, Civic Club of Allegheny County, Woman's City Club, American Federation of Human Rights; she was chairman of the Sarah Sloan scholarship fund of the Congress of Women's Clubs. She was the organizer of the Italian Women's Club of Homewood; she was an active worker in the Co-Masonic Lodge and the head of the Star in Pittsburgh. She was the pioneer in Americanization work here, and was known throughout the state for her charitable and educational work.—S. R. W.

Do not fail to obtain a certificate of purchase when you buy your railway ticket to Chicago. It is the only way to get half fare for the return journey. Even if you are not going back be sure to get the certificate anyhow and hand it to the committee at Convention. It will be very useful.



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The Vice President at Convention

"C. J.," AS we are wont to familiarly and lovingly designate our illustrious Vice President, will be the prime attraction at the Convention which opens Saturday evening, June 14. It is four years this summer since we have seen and heard him and it is not probable that anybody who can possibly be present will miss him. Unfortunately, this time he will not be able to give lectures after the Convention, and as he will not be on tour before Convention (having cancelled both his South American and Cuba-Mexico tours) our Convention in Chicago will be his only public appearance. Under these circumstances we are, of course, planning to make the very most of his Convention days, beginning with the reception to him Saturday evening, when he will

make an address to the Convention delegates and members.

On the succeeding three evenings he will give lectures—Sunday evening on "Mr. Krishnamurti's Message," Monday evening on "The God In Chains," and Tuesday evening on "The Building of an Ideal America." Three more vitally interesting subjects could hardly be named. Thousands of our members, having been unable to hear Mr. Krishnamurti, will want the next best thing—a lecture on Mr. Krishnamurti's Message by Mr. Jinarajadasa. What does *he* think about it all? No doubt you can think of a dozen questions you would like to ask him on that subject. The "Building of an Ideal America" is what we all want to see, and of course we must first know what a truly ideal nation is and then how we may do our proper part in building it. Theosophists must be pioneers in the work of national improvement along spiritual and altruistic lines.

All of the evening lectures by Mr. Jinarajadasa will be public and therefore members can bring their friends to them. The great hall in the Hotel Stevens will accommodate an immense audience and so admirable are its acoustic properties that no amplifiers are needed. The Stevens, not being finished when Dr. Besant was here two years ago, we had great difficulty trying to use the amplifier in another hall and many of the two thousand people present did not hear her. That is, fortunately, in the past. No matter how crowded the hall may be at the Stevens every word by Mr. Jinarajadasa can be heard.

It should be clearly understood that only the evening sessions of the Convention are open to the public. At all the day sessions, forenoon or afternoon, admission will be to members only and only to those who have their membership cards to show or, having lost or mislaid them, can prove their standing by the Headquarters records which will be there. Visitors from outside the United States must have membership cards to present or other satisfactory credentials.

The question meetings will be a very important feature of the Convention program. It is so seldom that we have a chance to submit our doubts and misconceptions to one so able to satisfactorily answer them that there should be an opportunity for everybody to do so. While it is true that much thinking about a troublesome point usually clears it up, nevertheless there are perplexing things—particularly in this era of big theosophical events—when one feels the need of a helping intellect to clear away the mental fogs.

With a combination of the most vital issues ever known to the Theosophical Society, the most diverse opinions among members about them and the rare presence of Mr. Jinarajadasa, ready to answer all questions and also to deliver a special lecture on "Mr. Krishnamurti's Message," we should have an unusually large and alert audience and a most instructive and enjoyable time.

Dr. Besant and Mr. Krishnamurti

THE press of the country is agitated about an alleged "split" between Dr. Besant and Mr. Krishnamurti and so it happens that Theosophists in various parts of the country are being kept busy correcting misconceptions. That Mr. Krishnamurti has reached that point in his natural development where he needs no mentor and where, of necessity, he must shape a course wholly independent of everybody and everything is clear to all who are observant, and that is a part of the evidence of the genuineness of his great mission. Among the various statements of Theosophists to the interviewing reporters the most complete and satisfactory that has come to attention is that by Mr. C. E. Luntz, President of the St. Louis Lodge, T. S., who said:

"Theosophists have recognized for years that the time would come when Mr. Krishnamurti, in his roll as a vehicle for the World Teacher, would transcend even so broad and eclectic an organization as the Theosophical Society. We perfectly understand that his high mission makes it necessary that he shall be above societies, churches, creeds, and religions. Jesus, at first a member of the Essenes, the Theosophists of that day, withdrew from

them when he began to teach. The rumor of a break with Dr. Besant is untrue and absurd. Recent messages from Dr. Besant to us in the Society are couched in terms which leave no doubt that she regards Mr. Krishnamurti now, as she has for many years past, as the chosen instrument of the World Teacher. If he now stands alone, relying no longer on the support of his former great protectress, that surely is the situation which anyone with a little reasoning power might expect at a certain stage of his career, when all support from others must cease and he must be all-sufficient in himself to carry out his mission."

It appears to be difficult for the outside world to get the idea that the Theosophical Society does not work on the "to have and to hold" plan; that our task is not to get but to give; that we have no sense of proprietorship and are as willing to give to the world a great leader as a great truth.

Animal Character

MR. WILLIAM NEWTON NICHOLS writes in contradiction of some of the assertions quoted from a writer in the *Chicago Herald-Examiner* in an editorial in the May number of the MESSENGER. The muskrat's true name is musquash, says Mr. Nichols. The Century Dictionary describes it as a "large murine rodent . . . living in lakes, rivers and pools, either in underground burrows in the banks, or in houses made of reeds, rushes and grasses," and says it is sometimes called the musk-beaver. Mr. Nichols' main point is that the muskrat does not, as asserted by the writer referred to, build his house around decaying stumps nor eat decaying vegetation, but "on the contrary he lives in summer in dens in a stream bank and builds for winter a house, in a marsh, composed of flags; a clean new den and a clean new house each year. The musquash is very cleanly of person and few human beings are as particular about their food as he, as he eats fish caught by himself and flag and lily roots which he peels and washes several times before eating. I have lain hidden in the marsh and watched the process many times. Of all the animals men eat he is probably the cleanest feeder."

Theosophists, of all people, should know animals for exactly what they are

and should be first to recognize their true character and to refute any false statements about them; and because the little animal is so particular about his food—a fastidiousness that indicates intelligence—a vegetarian would find that an additional reason for not killing and eating him.

Indorsing "Mother India"

THAT "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good" expresses a truth residing in the very nature of things. A cyclone that destroys a hundred houses and kills many people; also makes employment for some idle carpenters. A rattlesnake that bites and kills a child at least furnishes some doctor a job and helps the sales of a druggist! By the same token Miss Mayo's book must bring some good to somebody. "An Unimportant Member," whose letter will be found in this issue of the MESSENGER finds the good in the aforesaid book to be that the "untouchables" of India may derive some benefit from having public attention directed to their miseries. To some of us a little good amidst a great deal of evil in the book comes rather from the fact that the attention of the world has been drawn to India. Too little is known of that nation and of the importance of the roll it is playing on the stage of world development.

If it be granted in all liberality that a service is rendered in calling attention to the sorrows of the pariahs in India it is certainly pertinent to ask if it was necessary to slander a nation to do that; and if some of our good Americans are keen about the bad treatment of the "untouchables" they really need not go so far from home to find objects

for their sympathy. Let them not forget that in several of our own states rich and politically powerful corporations operating logging camps have arrangements with petty civil officers of the peace by which a man arrested for a trivial offense is sentenced to a term of penal servitude and his "time" sold to the corporation for a song; that he becomes an actual slave until his sentence has expired; that he is driven with a literal lash and that some of these unfortunates die under such inhuman treatment. Such camps have an employee known as a "whipping boss" whose judgment as to whether a man should be flogged because he has not done enough work is final. It was one of these brutes who flogged to death Martin Schultzman, a Dakota boy who got stranded in Florida and was caught trying to ride out of the country on a freight train. It will be remembered that the young man's family sent money to pay his fine and that the officer who received it, and who was paid for keeping the lumber company supplied with men, deliberately withheld the letter containing the money order so that the prisoner could not be released. These facts would never have been known had not the death of the young man brought an official investigation. There is not the slightest doubt that scores of other atrocities never come to public attention.

The real point about the Mayo book is that it is a deliberate misrepresentation of India *as a whole*, just as it would be a misrepresentation of the United States as a whole to state only one kind of facts about us—whether good or bad—and say nothing of the other side of the story.

Railway Certificates

By securing 250 railway certificates we shall save, collectively, several thousand dollars. How shall we do it? The Headquarters staff will head the list by purchasing one-way tickets to Chicago from Wheaton instead of using the usual commutation tickets. That will be about one-tenth of the required number to begin with. It will mean a little personal loss but a very large general gain. Then Headquarters has sent special circulars to every

member of the Theosophical Society residing near Chicago requesting the same little sacrifice. Circulars have also gone to all Lodges in cities which usually send strong automobile delegations to make the latter part of the journey on the train, leaving only drivers to bring in the cars. It requires a railway ride of less than 20 miles—a ticket costing not less than 67c—to secure the valued certificate. Unusual precautions are being taken this year to secure every possible certificate to the end that you may all go home for half fare.

Personal Opinions

By L. W. Rogers

[On this page the National President will write monthly of matters of general interest but which are of a somewhat more personal character than the subjects discussed in the editorial columns.]

Rushing to Ojai

Notwithstanding the warnings given by both Dr. Besant and Mr. Warrington there is strong indication of a general migration to Ojai. It is a good place to go once a year, when the camp is the attraction. It is a good place to keep away from if you are looking for a job by which to earn a living.

A Chicago member told me that he had written to Mr. Warrington on the plan of removing his family to the Ojai Valley because he liked the idea of helping to develop the Happy Valley foundation. He said that Mr. Warrington replied that the Happy Valley was "a hundred year proposition." Dr. Besant also made it plain enough when she purchased the land. She even said in detail and as plainly as English could make it that there is now nothing to do and no place for workers to live. Nevertheless in various parts of the country I find members planning to "pull up stakes, sell everything and go to the Ojai!"

People who have a sufficient income can, of course, go to any spot on the earth which they prefer; and such persons the Ojai Valley will undoubtedly be pleased to see. But a large immigration of those who are under the necessity of earning a living would unquestionably become a most embarrassing problem.

Not only are T. S. members talking of "getting to Ojai somehow," but the exodus has actually begun. I know personally of nine who have gone and as these cases came almost accidentally to my attention there must be many others. In none of these cases was there financial independence and some of them have nothing but what took them there. Now, southern California and southern Florida are about the last places in the United States where one should go with the hope of finding a way to earn daily bread and secure shelter. One reason is that thousands of people who are semi-invalids go to those states because they are seeking a mild climate and they are glad to find employment without much regard to the remuneration. That makes wage-earning positions difficult to find and to hold. Moreover southern California is not much of a manufacturing country. Its one large city is essentially a residence community and is composed largely of people who have retired from business and professional life.

In one or two cases I have had the opportunity to get at the ideas in the minds of those who are feverish to find their way to southern California and the conversation ran something like this:

"You have probably made arrangements about what you will do there."

"No, but I will manage somehow. If I cannot find work in my line I will turn to fruit growing. That is a wonderful fruit country, you know."

One of the greatest delusions in the world is that almost anybody can succeed as a farmer or a horticulturist. Everybody who has had a few years' experience in those lines knows perfectly well that, contrary to popular belief, *successful* farming and fruit growing require a rare combination of qualities and experience in addition to good judgment. One can no more succeed in such undertakings without expert knowledge than he can succeed as a banker or merchant without detailed information. If one intends to do orchard work for wages he must at least know something of irrigation, spraying, pruning, etc., and then, if he is fortunate enough to find work at all, to accept a farm laborer's wages for it; and there is probably not one chance in a hundred that he could find it in the tiny Ojai Valley. If he intends to be an orchard owner he must have the money to purchase land and plant trees. A bearing orchard will necessarily represent a very heavy investment. If he buys land, only, it will cost several hundred dollars an acre if the water supply is of any value—and often when it is not! Then he must wait several years for the trees to come into bearing. Meantime the orchard must be regularly cultivated, irrigated and sprayed, or he will certainly lose his investment. Also unless he has used sound foresight in planting the right kind of trees he may find, at the end of his long term of waiting, that the fruit will not pay expenses when he gets it. One must not suppose that because we pay large prices for prunes, apricots, etc., in the retail markets the producer has therefore made a good profit. One of our members just south of the Ojai Valley abandoned an apricot orchard and has turned to poultry raising because the fruit did not meet the expenses of producing it.

As a rule we hear only of the brilliant successes because they are good stories. There *are* sometimes brilliant successes because of a rare combination of natural aptitude, good judgment, clear foresight along with experience and a very fortunate location; but for every such case there are many that "just get by" or fail altogether. A month ago I talked with the owner of two orange orchards near Pomona, Calif., where you hear stories of "a thousand dollars an acre for the orange crop." The owner is a relative of mine and I got the facts fully and frankly. Ten acres have old trees that had been in full bearing for several years. Five acres have younger trees that are also yielding a good crop. It *looked* like real prosperity but the facts were far from constituting a song of success. When the expenses of water, fertilizer, interest on the mortgages and taxes were met there was not enough left to make any payment at all on the mortgages and he faces the almost certain result of ultimately losing all he has

invested. He has owned the place for more than fifteen years, is a hard worker and knows the business thoroughly, but he cannot succeed. The expenses in the four items named contain the secret of failure. One of those items alone, I was told, is exactly twenty-five per cent of the selling price of the crop! Fruit growing, like any other business, is a business and unless one has both sufficient capital and experience as well as good judgment on the subject of fruit growing he will do well to turn attention to something else.

Without an income to sustain one, to rush to Ojai in the happy-go-lucky belief that one can "somehow get along" is about as sensible as believing that one can "somehow" swim in deep water without ever having tried it. If the migration that has started continues it is difficult to say who will have the most embarrassing problem—those who get stranded there or our members who live there now and to whom the stranded and distressed unfortunates will turn for help. What was probably the very first case came to my attention quite recently—a woman with a small child and neither money nor work! She had taken refuge with a family and her hostess was imploring somebody to come to her rescue. My informant said, "The Theosophical Society has helped, the Church has helped, the Co-Mason Lodge has given and I do not know what else to do. I think it will finally come to an appeal to the public charity authorities." That is not a pleasant outlook for anybody concerned and it is certainly very bad for the reputation of Theosophy in southern California.

It is in the hope of giving pause to those who are about to "take a chance" on going to Ojai, without either means of support or pre-arrangements for employment that these lines are written.

Krishnaji's Teaching

That is the all-absorbing topic in Theosophical circles. A few days before the Ojai Camp opened the first address in America, announced as the only public utterance he would make, was given to a great gathering of people in the Hollywood Bowl—a natural amphitheater—where no less than 12,000, or perhaps 15,000 (according to the ushers' careful calculations) men and women heard him. Many differences of opinion were expressed about his discourse on that occasion and these opposing views were held by both Theosophists and "outsiders." Many church people were present—some impressed and others not convinced. Among Theosophists, both at the Hollywood Bowl and at the Camp later, there were strongly divergent views. Some of the prominent members held that this was only Krishnaji speaking, that his discourse was essentially Hindu philosophy and that the time when the ideas of the World Teacher will be given to the people has not yet arrived. Others were equally confident that the World Teacher was now delivering the Message.

A crucial moment came, when on the second morning, some carefully worded questions

were handed to him to be answered. One of them sought to know whether he was the Christ, Buddha or Krishnamurti. He replied simply that he was all these and more. It was the most dramatic instant of the week. No description can convey the scene to those who were not there. That some tremendous and beneficent force was being expressed through the form of the young man must have been obvious to the least sensitive person present. I was too intent upon what was being asked and answered to write anything down and I cannot therefore speak by the record but my recollection of the reply to the question on how we were to know when the World Teacher was speaking and when not was that it must be judged by the utterance. As a careful stenographic record was made of all the discourses, which the Order of the Star will publish, the safe course is to go to the printed record for the facts.

There were, it seemed to me, two rather extreme and opposite views expressed by those who attended the Camp—all Star members and almost all members of the T. S. One was that Krishnaji, in his own proper person, and no one else was giving the teaching. The other was that *only* the World Teacher was speaking through him. The one view seemed very skeptical and critical while the other appeared to be wholly credulous. In such a situation it is extremely interesting to hear the opinion of so great an occult authority as Bishop C. W. Leadbeater for he is about as sane, balanced and unemotional an individual as one is likely to meet during an incarnation. He attended the Adyar Convention a few months ago and on Dec. 29 wrote to the *Australian Theosophist* as follows:

"I attended Krishnaji's lecture yesterday afternoon. Nothing sensational happened, but a very beautiful influence radiated from him which kept the whole vast audience absolutely still—a very rare thing in India or indeed anywhere. It seems to me that it is not so much the words which he utters, but the wonderful influence which somehow surrounds them. Also he has several times spoken terse but very striking sentences which I think will live in the future. For example: 'Behavior is righteousness.'"

Had Bishop Leadbeater been present at the Ojai Camp, he might, or might not, have said substantially the same thing. Probably it is much better not to lean too heavily on the opinion of any other person, however great, but to be thrown back upon one's own intuition and self discovery.

The Razor Edge Path

Now that we are face to face with a wholly new experience in Theosophy one is able to get more fully the significance of the occult phrase, "The razor edge path." It is, indeed, a "straight and narrow way," difficult to follow through this wilderness of the physical senses. We are forced to engage in the delicate task of keeping an even balance between reason and intuition. The difficulty is not

merely that we dare not let go of either. We dare not even lean toward either! Without reason constantly employed we shall become hopelessly credulous and lose the power of discrimination. Without intuition we shall rise no higher than the mental plane, there to become hopelessly entangled in an intellectual labyrinth and make no more progress than a man on the tread mill. Only by a delicate balance of reason and intuition shall we be able to employ each with the other and arrive at satisfactory conclusions.

An Unusual Lodge

Under the fostering care of Mrs. C. Shillard Smith the Atlantic City Lodge is making a unique record and has furnished evidence that a Theosophical Lodge can be carved out of virgin territory (provided it is the right kind of territory) and live a most useful life thereafter. Mrs. Smith evidently proceeded upon the theory that if a Theosophical center is established where such a center should be the people will make use of it. She therefore rented a room for a library and a book shop with space enough for public meetings and in a central location on the famous board walk. After the Lodge was organized the convenience of the spot, the attractiveness of the shop, together with the drawing power of the philosophy, have altogether operated to produce steady growth until now the Lodge has twenty-three members. Next to the Philosopher's Book Shop, at 441 Madison Ave., New York City, the Atlantic City Library and Book Shop on Central Pier is the finest local Theosophical enterprise the United States can boast of. Travelling members will find this place convenient and very restful (if they bring their membership cards they will be admitted to the members' meetings also). No work is more important than that of enabling the public to contact Theosophy and Mrs. Smith's fine center is doing a very useful work which I hope others will be led to emulate.

Dr. Besant in England

News and Notes, the official magazine of the Theosophical Societies in the British Isles, says, "Notwithstanding newspaper rumors, it may be taken as certain that Dr. Besant will attend in England and will deliver the lectures in London and provinces as advertised." The lectures advertised for Queens Hall, London, are on Sunday evenings, June 24 and July 1, 8 and 15. The subjects in the order given are "The Crumbling of Empires of Force," "Foundations of the Federation of Free Peoples," "Reconciliation of Independence and Unity," and "A Vision of the Future."

Do not fail to obtain a certificate of purchase when you buy your railway ticket to Chicago. It is the only way to get half fare for the return journey. Even if you are not going back be sure to get the certificate anyhow and hand it to the committee at Convention. It will be very useful.

Summer School Session

It is evident from the registrations that we are to have a most interesting group of earnest students at the first session of our Training School. That is the right name for it because special training is the very essence of its work. We are a lot of rough pioneers with nothing much to recommend us except our willingness to work for the Theosophical ideals. We need a lot of drilling and polishing. We have many kinds of things to do for Theosophy but we do not well know how to do them *successfully*. To be perfectly honest about it we must admit we are not a very practical kind of people. Many of us have a hard job earning a comfortable living. Only an almost infinitesimal fraction are able to be successful men and women of affairs.

All this means that we lack something—that we have not yet evolved a certain comprehension of the principles governing material plane procedure—the subtle thing that marks the difference between the man who is not effective and the one who can always "put it over"—the indefinable something that enables one to do things at exactly the right time and in exactly the right way—methods of moving forward among events that are summed up in the word "success."

We know *what* we have to do. We know that the greatest thing in life is to give Theosophy to the world in a way that will induce the world to accept it. We know that we must use the press to attract attention, that we must somehow draw an audience; that we must then interest the people at least to the degree that they will return for more; that we must produce Theosophical literature that will sell; that we must be able to interest others in it. We also know that we must make our Lodge meetings interesting and attractive in order that there may always be the largest possible attendance; that in exact proportion that we arouse the enthusiasm of the members will be the vitality of the work both on the material and inner planes and the greater will be the ability to attract new members and thus enjoy constantly growing spiritual power. We *know* it all perfectly well but what we do not know is just how to get at it and do it; and that we must learn by being willing to face the facts and have our rough spots ironed out even, if necessary, at the expense of some discomfort.

If you desire to be more efficient in presenting Theosophy to others in conversation, in the press or from the platform, come to the summer session of our Training School. The expense is a mere nothing compared to what you would pay for any other instruction. The \$5 tuition would buy you about one lesson in some specialty. The living expenses are at, if not below, actual cost. Everything is being made as easy as possible so that as many as possible may benefit by the training.

Proxy blanks may be obtained from Headquarters. If you have not already filled out your proxy for convention, please do so at once.



LIVING ROOM AT WHEATON.

Gifts

A very nice landscape in oils was presented to Headquarters by Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Bayles of Charlotte, N. C. This will help materially to give warmth to one of the rooms. There are as yet no pictures to speak of at Headquarters. After the building is paid for, we hope to be able to hang some fine etchings and some other really good pictures to give an added note of beauty to the place.

Miss C. Gertrude Spencer of St. Paul sent a box of dahlia tubers for the Headquarters grounds during May. They were planted immediately, are growing vigorously and will add to the beauty of the grounds when in blossom.

A friend recently sent Headquarters a box of gifts containing six artistic hand-painted china plates, a bed-spread, a pair of pillow cases and a handsome dresser scarf.

That beauty is the normal state is shown by the perpetual effort of nature to attain it.
—Emerson.

Are You Interested In Dancing?

Classes at LaGrange and at Room 725, Kimball Building, Chicago. Additional classes to be formed in Classical, Ballet and Ballroom Dancing. For further information write to Jeanne Dumas, 725 Kimball Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

The Theosophist

An announcement from Adyar shows that the contents of the June number of the *Theosophist* will be unusually interesting. In that number will be published the original lecture announcing the return of the World Teacher which Dr. Besant delivered in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1909; portions of a diary taken from records kept by Hodgson Smith, of Dr. Besant's work subsequent to *An Autobiography* will appear and will be continued in subsequent issues. Perhaps the most interesting item is described as follows: "The *Theosophist's* astral plane correspondent records an address recently delivered by the President to the residents of Adyar." The Theosophical Press receives subscriptions for the *Theosophist*.

End of Fiscal Year

Lodge Secretaries should not overlook the fact that our fiscal year closed June 30. All who have not yet made their annual report sending in the yearly dues to Headquarters should now hurry it on to Wheaton.

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News Items

Barcelona, Spain

The expected visit of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Cousins, during the month of May, has aroused much interest in this city. Dr. Cousins is to open an Exposition of Hindu Arts and Crafts and to that end is bringing from the Orient a collection of paintings, sculptures and architectural models; also much literature and poetry to be read and declaimed at the exposition. The exhibits will embrace not only ancient, but contemporary art as well.

Delhi, India

The "Conference of Women," which met in this city in February, has demonstrated what the Indian poetess-politician, Srimati Sarojini Naidu, expressed as "the indivisible unity of women." The two hundred delegates represented all ranks, castes, creeds and races in India, linked by the spirit of service to the young. Dissatisfaction with the past and the immediate present had generated the conference last year. It is of interest to note that Her Highness, the Begum-Mother of Bhopal, presided over the conference sessions and stated that she identified herself with the cause not as a *vicereine* but as a woman; also, disregarding the purdah custom, the Heiress Apparent attended the Conference unveiled and with bobbed hair! The delegates attended a debate in the Legislative Assembly to which a member brought a Bill to raise the age of marriage consent for both sexes. The seed sown by two Theosophists last year in organizing the first Conference is growing into a mighty tree whose fruit will be for the healing of the Nations. (From the *THEOSOPHIST*, Adyar, Madras, India.)

Saginaw Lodge was host to the quarterly meeting of the Michigan Theosophical Federation on Sunday, June 3, at the Fordney

Hotel. Fifty-four visiting delegates were registered, representing Grand Rapids, Lansing, Battle Creek, Flint, Saginaw, Detroit, and Owosso.

The Executive Board proposed that members be selected to be sent to various Lodges and groups throughout the state to take a series of weekly classes in Theosophy; that the expenses, when possible, be borne by the Lodge or group to whom the instructor is sent and any deficit in whole or in part be assumed by the Federation treasury.

Leavenworth, Kans.

Major A. D. Sutherland of Chanute Field, Ill., was guest speaker at the Sunday morning services held at the USDB., Fort Leavenworth, Kans., on May 20. Major Sutherland gave an admirable sermon, speaking in that warm, personal manner so characteristic of him.

London, Eng.

The British Federation of Youth sends us a copy of the Study Outline (in six sections) for The World Youth Peace Congress to be held at Ommen, Holland, from the 17th to the 26th of Aug., 1928. The Congress, the first of its kind in history, will bring together five hundred delegates from Youth Organizations all over the world which are actively engaged in work for peace and international friendship. Those desiring further particulars should write British Federation of Youth, 421 Sentinel House, Southampton Row, London.

New York, N. Y.

We learn with pleasure that the Theosophical play, "The Ladder," is still on Broadway, thanks to the generosity of its producer.

During May a fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mitchell of Cleveland, Ohio.

College Course Method

A member who has enrolled for the Summer School session at Headquarters beginning July 20 writes "What about books?"

You will require nothing but a note book. That can be brought with you or purchased here if you prefer. The method of instruction will be the same that is followed in American colleges and your chief work will be listening and making notes. As for books we have a large reference library at hand.

The evening sessions will be given to symposiums when a part of the time will be devoted to those students who have courage enough to volunteer for the program. They will be put on and their talks will be analyzed and criticized by the instructors on platform work.

Competent Instruction

We are assured of competent instruction in speaking, and also in reading lectures to an

audience, but if the attendance at the session of our Training School, beginning July 20, should be large enough to permit it a very successful Chicago specialist in that line will be engaged to take a class. He is not a member and his services are expensive but nothing is too good for those who are preparing for Theosophical work.

Photograph of the Building

Have you yet helped the Building Fund by sending for one of the fine photographs of the Headquarters building? The price has been reduced to 15 cents and stamps are accepted—any denomination, ones, twos, threes, fours, fives, tens, etc. The photographs were presented by the Le Clear Studio.

Instrumentalists: (String or Wind) will be welcomed any or every Sunday morning at St. Francis Church, 59 E. Van Buren St., Chicago, (L. C.) Time 10:15. Orchestral parts provided. Ask for Choir Leader.

BUILDING FUND BULLETIN

No. 26

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The purpose of this department is to give to the members of The American Theosophical Society news of the progress made in raising the money necessary to pay for our National Headquarters Building.

Statement

April 1, 1927—
 Pledges needed.....\$45,866.39
 Received since.....27,838.39
 Balance required.....\$18,028.00

100 Per Cent

[To achieve the 100 per cent goal, a pretty difficult thing to do, every member of the Lodge must have made a pledge to the Building Fund of not less than \$5.00.]

Lodge	Per Cent
Columbia	100
Rockford	100
Wilmington	100
Columbia	100
Besant (Houston)	100

Likes Intimate News

A Seattle member writes:

"I am greatly interested in the intimate little news items about the new Headquarters—the garden, the open house, etc. A center which radiates such an atmosphere of gracious living will do more to establish a responsive attitude toward Theosophy than we can possibly realize."

So many of our members have expressed interest in the grounds and gardens that news items about them will regularly appear in this department, which is devoted to the raising of the building fund. Whatever fosters the interest in the place naturally creates enthusiasm for calling off the remaining seven per cent of the indebtedness; and we do not want that interest to wane!

Repeating It

One of the encouraging gifts last month was one hundred dollars from Mr. I. W. Leatherman, of Chosen, Fla. He held one of our building bonds and sent it as a present. It was not Mr. Leatherman's first contribution either.

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Got a Surprise

Occasionally an amusing incident occurs. A year ago last spring when two of us came out from Chicago to begin grounds and garden improvements it was easy to see that some of our farmer neighbors were quietly amused. Two "city men" attempting to "break in" a jungle of quack grass! Now, be it known that quack grass is no joke. It has needle pointed roots that rapidly penetrate the soil in all directions from the central root and if, in pulling it up, a fragment of a root is left it sends a shoot to the surface and grows rapidly back to its original size! The deeper it is plowed under, the more flourishing it becomes.

I may as well confess that although agriculture has been my life hobby and I have had the experience of managing farms in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and New Jersey, I had never even heard of quack grass. When the fact that the place was overgrown with it got into my consciousness and I began to make inquiries about it of those who had been afflicted with the pest, I felt much like a man who had bought a race horse and then discovered a hidden lameness in him. Some said that quack grass could not be killed; others that one possible way was to exclude

the sunlight by covering the entire ground with tarpaper!—an expense utterly impossible to consider. But the place had been bought and paid for and either it had to be sold again or the quack grass had to be conquered. I wrote to both the United States Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Agricultural College for all information and help that they could give and then began the study of quack grass as a lawyer would study the history and character of a desperate criminal he had to prosecute—and that is just where thousands of farmers miss it. They seem either not to know that our U. S. Department of Agriculture and our numerous state experimental farms are very practical and helpful institutions or else they have a contempt for "book farming." There may have been reason for such views a generation ago but at present there is hardly a plant or weed or insect that has not been so carefully studied in its native habitat that it is as well known as corn or potatoes.

Our little one-horse-power garden tractor was stored with a neighbor who had brought it from the freight depot. "That thing won't work," was his comment when we went to get it. "Walters had one on his farm and it would go only when the wind was blowing hard behind it!"—which indicates the spirit of levity that pervaded the neighborhood. I explained that we would use *that* machine only on clear ground but he evidently did not believe it "would go" anywhere.

There was undoubtedly much quiet amusement when the two "city men" camped in the little one-room shack that had been hastily put up and went to work; but what

the observers did not know was that each of the two men had had many years of experience with nearly everything that grows on farms or in gardens. In a little more than a year quack grass has so nearly disappeared from the place that it is not worth mentioning. Its effect on the crops is absolutely negligible, and while our twelve acres of corn, cabbage, cauliflower, squash, tomatoes, beans, peas, rhubarb, asparagus, berries, grapes, etc., west of Wheaton Ave., are growing vigorously in a beautifully clean field, the adjoining farm has a crop of corn half smothered with quack grass and will probably yield no return above cost of production.

To win the respect of anybody you have only to beat him at his own game. The services of Mr. Gill and the

machinery used to conquer quack grass are now in demand. When we can manage to find the time, we are at the service of others at twenty dollars per day (the regular price here for such work) and our neighbors are waiting their turn for the "quack killer." "He laughs best who laughs last."

Valuation of Headquarters

"What is the present actual value of our national Headquarters building and grounds?" A question asked should be answered if possible but it is not easy to arrive at an accurate estimate. If the grounds are valued at the quotation of adjoining property they are worth a little more than four times what we paid for them. It must be remembered that we

bought three years ago, immediately after the addition was laid out on farm land. It should also be remembered that the population of Wheaton has just about doubled during that three years. But an advance of 400 per cent really does not fully tell the story because adjoining property, which was recently offered to us at the price of \$40 per front foot, and declined because we have land enough, is by no means as desirable as ours. At the lowest estimate our grounds (entirely aside from the improvements) are worth thirty thousand dollars more than the cost three years ago. How much more than thirty thousand dollars we are ahead because of the difference between cost and value of improvements, it is impossible to estimate.—L. W. R.

Building and Activities Fund Pledge

Date.....

I hereby pledge the sum of \$_____ to the Building and Activities Fund of the American Theosophical Society, to be paid at any time within three years and four months, in such installments as may be convenient to me.

Name.....

Address.....

\$1000—\$25 per month
\$800—\$20 per month

\$600—\$15 per month
\$400—\$10 per month

\$200—\$5.00 per month
\$100—\$2.50 per month

Unique Social Event

Our regular monthly social fell on our local President's birthday, so while he was in Atlanta, Ga., some time ago we arranged to have a surprise birthday party for him. This was held in our Lodge rooms and close to 100 guests were present.

There were eighteen at the guest of honor table. The table decorations were yellow, signifying intellectuality, which is the predominant keynote of our President, Mr. Chas. E. Luntz. A large bouquet of yellow roses and daffodils were at each end, while the center of the table was adorned by a beautiful birthday cake, made by one of our members, and decorated with the Theosophical emblem and the words "Birthday Greetings," etc. Around the cake were placed five tall, yellow

candles. These stood for the years that Mr. Luntz has so efficiently served St. Louis Lodge.

At the close of the speeches, Mr. M. B. Hudson, who represented the House of Friends, presented to the honored guest a gift of love and appreciation from St. Louis Lodge in the shape of a complete set of the Secret Doctrine and Isis Unveiled. Mr. Luntz was also the recipient of a large basket of very handsome tulips, gorgeous ferns and foliage plants.

To say that our President was overwhelmed does not begin to express it, for he was almost speechless and, as his friends know, for Mr. Luntz to be speechless is an unheard of thing. He soon regained his usual poise, however, and gave a very lovely talk, expressing his appreciation to the members and friends for the gift and the privilege of his close association with them.

Convention Notes

Things to bring: your membership card and your railway certificate that will give you half fare returning home.

Banquet ticket: price the same as last year, \$2.50. The speakers include, of course, Mr. Jinarajadasa.

Children: a special room with nurses in charge will be provided for children from 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. and from 7:30 to 10:00 p. m. so that all mothers can enjoy in full every program. No charge will be made for this service.

Registration fee: same as last year, \$1.50. That pays your share of all incidentals such as badges, decorations, music, wages of nurses and other non-member assistants, and many other items.

Mr. Jinarajadasa and other prominent Theosophists will attend a Co-Masonic meeting in Roosevelt Hall, 12th floor of the State-Lake Building, corner of State and Lake Streets at 2:00 p. m., Sunday, July 15.

Who Can?

A member in Jugoslavia is anxious to get in touch with any Croate Theosophists in America. If there are any such, will they please communicate with Mrs. Maxine Wardall Bailey, Secretary of the Theosophical Order of Service, at Altadena, California?

Cooperative Homes

A writer for a newspaper syndicate comments on the spread of cooperation in home building in the United States and calls attention to the interesting fact that even wealthy people are taking to it. "Cooperative ownership of homes," he says, "has been practiced in France, Italy and Denmark for generations." It seems to be a coming permanent phase of American life. Several people acting together can accomplish what would be quite impossible to the same people acting separately. Nature's plan is ever moving toward closer unity and when we do not learn the lesson willingly it is forced upon us either by economic necessity or social conveniences.

Notice to Parents

Theosophical parents who are interested and desire the establishment of a school for children to be conducted along the lines of our Theosophic ideals in education should put their desire in writing and send the same to Mrs. Senta Simons, Ojai, Calif. Several parents have already signified orally their wish in this direction and they would like to know how great the demand for such a school is, so as to acquaint Dr. Besant with the need for its establishment.

JULIA K. SOMMER.

Think twice before you decide whether or not to arrange to attend the summer session of our Training School which immediately follows the convention and continues eight days. It may be a very important turn of the road in your life journey. Read the display advertisement.

YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE

SPECIAL THEOSOPHICAL EDITION

An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic and Rosicrucian Symbolic Philosophy; to which is added a Treatise on the Qabbalah of the Jews.

By MANLY P. HALL.

AT THE SPECIAL PRE-PUBLICATION PRICE OF \$75
(5 Monthly Payments of \$15)

On July 19 the price of this work by California's 26-year-old "master of forty faiths" will be \$100.

An incredible amount of research has gone into the creation of this book which traces the *Ancient Wisdom* down from the dawn of time to the present day. On it one may well base a lifetime of philosophical study. In this volume has been compressed the quintessence of a colossal learning. It is a living human document pulsating with the mental and spiritual vibrations of a profound thinker. It takes

all knowledge for its province and reduces whole libraries to the compass of a single tome.

Beautifully bound and printed on Alexandria-Japan bond paper, illustrated with 350 full size etchings, 50 in full colors, it is indeed a volume which will be cherished as a beautiful work of art as well as a valuable aid to the student of occultism.

You may still make a tentative reservation for your copy at the special price of \$75—but until July 19 only!

THEOSOPHICAL PRESS, Wheaton, Ill.

THE Purchasing Service Bureau

"LIVE COOPERATIVELY"

Organized to HELP Theosophists to HELP THEOSOPHY while securing Purer Foods and Finer Products for Themselves and Their Families, At No Increase In Cost, By Enabling Headquarters to EARN Wholesale Discounts.

Important Announcement

Mr. Claude Watson, having decided to turn his attention to other work, has generously made a gift of all his pure food recipes and processes to the American Theosophical Society.

It had long been our intention to begin manufacturing on a small scale as soon as practicable. Our chief troubles have been those originating with delayed shipments. After sending an order on to the producer to be filled the matter passed beyond our control. Perhaps two weeks later we would receive a complaint that the goods had not reached the buyer! By the time that letter reached us and we had communicated with the manufacturer the buyer had naturally lost patience and had given it up as a bad venture. It became clear that to build a permanent business worthy the name we must do our own manufacturing. The generous offer from Mr. Watson came at a most convenient time.

Fortunately the equipment for such manufacturing is inexpensive and machinery can be installed in small units to fill the requirements and then gradually be increased as the sales grow. There are some of our pure food patrons who particularly like Mr. Watson's foods and these can soon have it direct from our P. S. B. But we shall also do much experimenting on our own account and shall have an original list of things in addition to Mr. Watson's. But as with all our other enterprises the food manufacturing will proceed slowly and cautiously and be permitted to grow soundly. The extensive list of Battle Creek products we shall continue to supply.

An Opportunity

Dr. Besant's wise advice to Theosophists to mingle with the public and form as many new contacts as possible with the people can be followed in various ways. Merely meeting people and giving them a chance to see what a Theosophist really is, helps in the degree of that particular Theosophist's poise, balance and common sense; but when we can reach

them through some *personal interest* they have, it makes a greater impression. People who are drawn together by a mutual interest naturally wish to learn more of each other's views. A person, for example, may be a vegetarian but not a Theosophist. His reason for being a vegetarian is that he believes he can be healthier by excluding meat from his diet. When he meets another vegetarian and learns that he has an additional reason for taking the same course he is naturally interested. He is sympathetic because here is something that bolsters his own practice which gives a new reason for the course he is following, and most naturally he gives it consideration. The pure food idea is claiming wider attention each year and vegetarian restaurants are becoming more numerous. Consequently the possibility of gaining the sympathetic attention of thousands of people by taking our opportunity in that direction should not be overlooked nor valued too lightly. Each of our Lodges should consider the matter and be prepared to take advantage of this modern trend of thought.

Pure Food a Theosophizer

The energetic manager of the pure food supplies for the Omaha Lodge reports the most interesting fact that non-Theosophists are coming to the Lodge Headquarters building to buy the P. S. B. products. They know nothing of Theosophy and would not be attracted by it alone but they are interested in pure vegetarian foods and, hearing of a place where they can be had, they come to get them. This is bringing an entirely new class of people into contact with Theosophy and is enabling them to become acquainted with a number of Theosophists.

Plenty of Trouble

When about everything in the catalog of difficulties had happened to the P. S. B., Miss Friedman, the energetic young woman in charge, fell ill and went to the hospital with a very bad case of appendicitis and—"it never rains but it pours"—this occurred when the National President was away for a month and on the very day after the Secretary-Treasurer had left for the Star Camp at Ojai. After

three weeks in the hospital Miss Friedman is back at Headquarters. Meantime her understudy has "carried on." Miss Friedman will probably be away from her desk for two more weeks.

Only a Few

One of the good points about the Purchasing Service Bureau is that it places the vegetarian foods within the reach of people who want them but do not know where to find them. In a few large cities, but only a few, there is a store or two where they may be had; but as for the great majority of our Lodges the vegetarian foods are not available. They can be had only by sending to the manufacturers for them. Many people will get along without them rather than be troubled to write; but when they can buy them of the Lodge agent it is entirely different. Also many members who are not yet vegetarians will buy the pure foods if they see them and it is really just as easy to display them as to display books. "Seeing is believing."

Daily New India

New India, which was originally a daily and then became a weekly, has now been restored to a daily edition. From Adyar comes the announcement by Dr. Arundale that an effort is to be made to give the paper a much wider circulation "in view of the vital interests it represents and the stand it takes upon the principle of universal brotherhood—to which end alone, indeed, it advocates home rule for India within the British Empire."

Dr. Besant evidently regards an extended circulation for the paper as being very important. There is also a weekly edition. "*New India* tells the truth about India without a fear or a favor," says the circular. The address is P. O. Box No. 39 G. T., Madras, India. The subscription price of the weekly edition is \$3 per year plus postage. A campaign fund for *New India* has also been started to which contributions will be welcomed.

Headquarters Clerks Wanted

Wanted at Headquarters, by July 28, one billing clerk and one bookkeeping machine operator. These two positions will be vacant Aug. 15 and those coming to fill the vacancies should arrive about July 28. The present incumbents are resigning because they recently became husband and wife and now desire to enter commercial life in different work. Two women or two men preferred hereafter!

The positions can be filled by any bookkeeper who has used a bookkeeping machine and any billing clerk who can use a typewriter. Send applications to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Do not fail to obtain a certificate of purchase when you buy your railway ticket to Chicago. It is the only way to get half fare for the return journey. Even if you are not going back be sure to get the certificate anyhow and hand it to the committee at Convention. It will be very useful.

More About Lecturers

The President of the Tacoma Lodges writes:

I have long felt that we do not have enough lecturers, yet we hesitate to ask even as many as are available because of the financial uncertainty for them and for ourselves. I agree with Mr. Kunz that we do have more lecturers than we can support properly under the present system. But I also agree with Mr. Hampton that we do not have enough lecturers to do the work we ought to do. One of the big developments of the future, I believe, is in some way to insure to each Lodge some choice of who the lecturer will be and at the same time guarantee at least living expenses to the lecturer, without completely depleting the Lodge resources. I believe that the Federation offers the best solution at present. Our experience with Mr. Kunz in three weeks of intensive work answered every objection Mr. Hampton offered to the present method: lecturers' expenses guaranteed; a feeling of direct responsibility by the members; and time to give new territory as well as struggling centers the benefit of a trained worker. In addition an opportunity is offered to put on a big educational campaign in the older centers which is not possible under the old plan and eliminates the large expense of duplication of railroad fares.

This detailed plan could not be carried out in general, of course, but it has possibilities. One objection is that it only takes care of one lecturer. But if every Federation did the same thing once a year, am I wrong in guessing that, since we have not had the benefit of the summer Training School yet, even that demand would exceed the supply of workers qualified to do such special work? If each Federation could agree to take a certain number of workers, and guarantee their expenses for a certain length of time, remembering that some are better fitted for outside contacts than others, some better teachers than lecturers, etc.; then the workers would be willing to give freely of their time and talent to be used by the Federation to the best advantage of all.

This of course would not take care of all of the lecturers nor all of the Lodges. Here is where that large and flourishing (?) fund known as the New Territory Fund could be put to work!

The plan as suggested for Lodges that are federated ought not preclude such lecturers as yourself [Mr. Rogers] who would not have time to follow up in this fashion, nor those who would not choose to do so for any reason.

Form of Bequest

I give, devise, and bequeath to The American Theosophical Society, a corporation, with its principal place of business in the City of Wheaton, State of Illinois, the sum of..... dollars (\$.....) (or the following described property):.....

What Lodges Are Doing

Dallas

Dallas Lodge celebrated White Lotus Day in the Lodge rooms on May 8. Mrs. Julia Tole, Mrs. Francis Sarver and Mrs. Nettie Cocke were responsible for the especially beautiful floral decorations. Mrs. Julia Tole read a poem; Mr. A. F. Strohmeyer spoke on "Human Qualities"; Mrs. Mary R. Egley, Sketch of Mrs. Besant's Life; Mr. W. C. Grant, "Madame Blavatsky and the Masters"; Mrs. Nettie Cocke, "Voice of the Silence"; and Mrs. Francis Sarver, "God's Rosary."

The keynote of the evening was reverence and gratitude for the great work H. P. B. did for the Theosophical Society.

Cleveland

Mrs. A. M. Climo, Secretary of Besant Lodge, writes, "Our Lodge meetings have closed for the summer, with the exception of a social evening to be held June 25 and picnics in the park every second and fourth Thursday during July and August. These picnics have proven very satisfactory and enjoyable other years and afford us an opportunity of transacting any urgent business which might arrive during vacations."

Philadelphia

The Secretary of Hermes Lodge reports that "On Friday, Mar. 30, at the meeting of the Philadelphia Peace Council, of which organization the Philadelphia Peace Section of the I. T. O. S. is a member, it was suggested by the Peace Brother that our Meditation for Peace be adopted for Armistice Day throughout the City of Philadelphia and, if possible, other cities as well. A committee was at once formed to undertake this work."

We presume this was done and that in Philadelphia at least every organization joined the I. T. O. S. in this good work.

International

Throughout the world, Lodges celebrated "White Lotus Day" in memory of our beloved Helena Petrovna Blavatsky. Towards the brooding Devas, prayer after prayer, hymn after hymn and song on song ascended, emotional incense, from countless hearts. In dramatic, sonorous Spanish; facile, graceful, elegant French; staccato Italian; precise English; measured Pali. . . in all languages, from all races ascended the spiral. And the newspapers and magazines, suddenly startled out of their complacency, beheld amazed this concerted turning towards the East! and began to print editorials and write articles on what they called "A new and prosperous religion!" After all, they were not far from the truth, for Theosophy is ever-new, and its prosperity is a matter of spiritual attainment rather than hoarded dollars and cents, although how necessary the latter can be! Lotus Day is its significance is ever present, and

Aibonito, Porto Rico

Under the auspices of Nitvananda Lodge, Bishop Irving S. Cooper gave a wonderful lecture on Theosophical and religious themes at the principal theatre of this city. The auditorium was filled to capacity by Theosophists and non-Theosophists. The date of this lecture (Mar. 12) shall remain in the minds of all who heard Bishop Cooper, as one of the most important events that have occurred in Aibonito.

USDB., Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

On May 20, the "Advanced Class" had the privilege of once more hearing Major A. D. Sutherland, the founder of this "Class" speak in his inimitable style. Elsewhere we comment on the excellent sermon he delivered at Sunday morning services. The leit-motif of Major Sutherland's talk to the "Class," was "Theosophy and Friendship."

Birmingham, Ala.

It is with pleasure that we read this Lodge's account of the success which its public Forum is having. The audiences attending are very large, and every question of national, state and community importance are discussed. In a previous number this Forum was described. It has begun to attract the attention of the press.

Spokane, Wash.

The Eleusinian Lodge of this city had the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Agnes L. Clark, at the Doges Hall of the Davenport Hotel, on Apr. 29. Mrs. Clark delivered a splendid lecture on "The World Teacher and the Gospel of Happiness." The previous week Mr. Jiddu Krishnamurti appeared at the leading Motion Picture theatre, talking on "Happiness" on the Vitaphone.

Saint Louis, Mo.

We gather that Mr. Rogers' lecture on "The Truth About India," which he delivered at this Lodge was a triumph. The production of the play "William Weaver's Wives" has netted \$250.00, besides accomplishing the difficult three-fold goal of entertainment, giving occult truths in palatable form for the public, and showing the possibilities of such activities. To Mrs. Jane La Von Hardy goes the laurel wreath for her indefatigable genius.

Ojai, Calif.

The Oaks Lodge held a special meeting on May 6, in observance of "White Lotus Day." The immortal words of H. P. Blavatsky on the "Steps to Divine Wisdom" were read in seven languages, by various members erstwhile residents of foreign countries. It was a meeting

Headquarters Notes

The latest addition to the Headquarters staff is Mrs. Beatrice Bagby, of Gulfport, Miss., who arrived June 10. Mrs. Bagby was for many years Secretary of the Gulfport Lodge.

The member who wrote the item last month on the marriage of "Mr. and Mrs. Bartron" strangely failed to disclose the identity of Mrs. Barton. New Orleans members will be much interested to learn that the "Ninette" referred to was Mrs. Ninette Edwards of that Lodge.

Those who attend the Summer School after Convention will see Headquarters in action instead of on dress parade for, of course, the office work must go on as usual.

A recent visitor standing on the roof looking east, north, west and south at the extensive growing gardens that surround the building exclaimed, "I had no idea of the extent of the activities here. The MESSENGER should tell the members about it." It does, in a fragmentary way, but it must be seen to be understood in toto.

The late Mr. Dzingel, of our Polish Lodge in Milwaukee, was thoughtful enough to make a will a year ago and remember the American Theosophical Society with a legacy when doing so. The executor of his estate recently advised us of the fact.

Milwaukee has the honor of furnishing more volunteer workers to Headquarters than any other city. Mrs. Ethel Kraatz, expert in stenography, has three times come for a week or more and Miss Gertrude Silberman, also of Milwaukee Lodge, came recently for a week's help in the record office.

Miss Elizabeth Fisher, of the Cincinnati Lodge, has presented to Headquarters a most attractive bird feeding station.

Two beautiful silk bedspreads made from new silk samples have been presented to Headquarters by Mrs. Sarah A. Fogg, of La Grange, Illinois, to be sold to the highest bidders at the Convention.

Mr. George Fathmann, of Chicago, has taken the place in the shipping department of Mr. Allan Boxell who had accepted the position for a year only and who has returned to St. Paul with the intention of locating later in Seattle.

One of the recent arrivals at Headquarters is Miss Alice Edmonston, of Washington, D. C., who has taken a position in the book-keeper's office.

Mrs. Flavia MacKenzie of Everett, Washington, and little Jack, are staying at Headquarters for a few weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Laura B. Flint. Jack is a promising Theosophist of five years.

Several communications on the subject of lectures and lecturers are on hand and will appear in the August MESSENGER.

In introducing Mr. Rogers to the Wheaton Lions Club, the president of the club, who is a very successful florist with six acres under glass, and whose place is very near the Headquarters grounds, commented in glowing terms upon the way in which the Headquarters grounds have been improved and on the thoroughness and success of the work.

Convention Hotel Rates

Rooms with double bed and bath, \$3.50 for one person, \$5.00 for two.

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Rooms with single beds and bath, \$7.00 for one person, \$7.00 for two.

Single rooms can be had at \$2.50 per day at the LaSalle Hotel, which is under the same management as The Stevens.

From English Convention

The following cable was received at Headquarters: "Enthusiastic English Theosophical Convention sends hearty greetings. Wedgwood, Chairman; Jackson, General Secretary."

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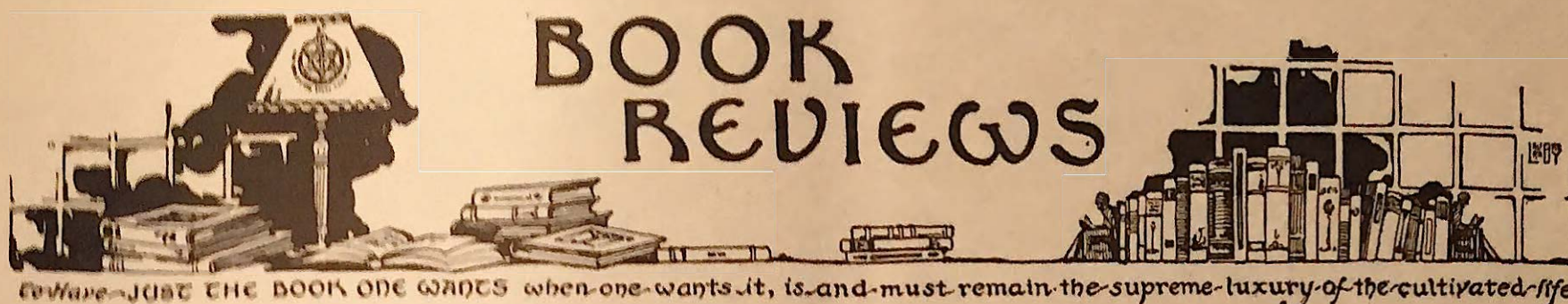
Dr. Tagore

Dr. Rabindranath Tagore was recently a visitor at the Adyar Headquarters where he stopped on his way to England where he will deliver the Hibbert lectures this year.

Pittsburgh Lodge has been trying out the plan of serving tea to members and visitors. Mrs. Saidee R. Waddell, the Secretary, writes that the chairman called upon various members to make a humorous speech or tell a funny story and that the plan worked very well. Other Lodges might find it useful.

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Our reliance on the physician is a kind of despair of ourselves. The clergy have bronchitis, which does not seem a certificate of spiritual health.—Emerson.



The Other Side of Death, by The Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater. Published by The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras, India. Price, cloth, \$5.00, through the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Illinois.

All of us, the pious, the mystical, the atheistic, the philosophical, all thrill inwardly at the magical words: "The Other Side of Death!" What lies beyond the dim penumbrae that separates our three-dimensionally perceived world from other realms of consciousness? Something imponderable like the "Veil of Tanit" obscures from our gaze a perhaps amazing reality. And now, out of the confused welter of mystical and pseudo-mystical literature where ideas and hypotheses whirl with vertiginous rapidity as if in a cubist nightmare, this volume emerges as a light in chaos. Leadbeater has the mind of a scientist in the soul of a mystic, and his *The Other Side of Death* is scientific in its painstaking detail, in its restraint and its basis; after eighty years of experience and a life full beyond the expectations of most men, his writings have the permeating calm of Buddhist texts. Here within eight hundred pages is a monumental resumé of all questions pertaining to life and death. Science, Philosophy and Religion have contributed their best fruits towards the achieving of this book, a book of the widest possible human reference and erudition, and to the Theosophist, the clearest and most comprehensive compendium of Theosophical knowledge. The chapter on "An Extension of Consciousness" is especially valuable because of its excellent explanation of what the "fourth-dimension" actually is. It would take pages and pages to give even a brief idea of the contents of this great book. All that one can possibly say is, that every Theosophist should have a copy of this book to read, ponder upon, ruminate on, and even caress as a jewel that the Gods have dropped on his lap. The cover of pastel blue cloth is exquisite.—Albert R. De Pina.

The Conquest of Illusion, by J. J. Van Der Leeuw, LL.D. Published by Alfred Knopf, New York. Price, Cloth, \$3.50, through The Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Illinois.

"The Soul," wrote Emerson, "never answers by words, but by the thing itself that is inquired after." And although Dr. Van Der Leeuw certainly could not transcend the medium of words, somehow he has infused into this "critique" the essence of things. This is one of the best philosophical achievements that has come from the Theosophical

ranks, and worthy to stand shoulder to shoulder with some of our highest literature. Lest the reader misunderstand, I will say that this is not an explanation of our "way of life"—rather is it an analysis of the great problems that men have sought to solve in all ages. But the attack on these problems is rather a novel one. Dr. Van Der Leeuw inquires: "But are the questions themselves *real*?" Thus he proceeds to analyze such problems as the "Justice of Life"; "Good and Evil"; "The Real and the Unreal," and his result is a tour de force that, based on philosophy and a knowledge of science, will leave the thoughtful curiously elated. It was with genuine admiration that I considered the genius required to have written a book as profound and daring as this in language so simple that even an acquaintanceship with philosophical thought is not required to understand its basic contentions. If to *intuit* is to be one with that which is *intuited*, then, we are inclined to believe that Dr. Van Der Leeuw has passed beyond the veil of Isis and known reality. A magnificent book.—Albert R. De Pina.

The Dramatic History of the Christian Faith, by J. J. Van der Leeuw, LL.D., published by The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras, India. Price, paper boards, \$2.25, through The Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Illinois.

Narratives of the early days of Christianity have been abundant. However, the narrators have seldom brought to their subject anything particularly new. The special value of this volume, which covers the period of the actual times of its founder up to and including the death of Saint Augustine, lies in the fact that it is written from a fresh point of view. It is sufficiently scholarly to appeal to students of theology and religious history, yet vivid enough to make interesting reading for even the most casual peruser. The book is far from being radical, although there are departures from orthodoxy, especially in the chapter on Saint Paul where a relationship is suggested between the story of Jesus and the universal "Solar Myth." The author has laid stress upon the inner side of the Christian Religion—the mystical side, which after many centuries of neglect and ridicule is now winning serious attention. The chapter on Constantine gives a brilliant account of the "Aryan Heresy," out of which arose the "Nicene Creed." The last two chapters are devoted to Saint Augustine, with whom the author seems to feel a singular affiliation. An attractive volume bound in bright paper

boards with cloth backbone. Decidedly to be recommended as highly representative of Mr. Van Der Leeuw's genius.—A. E. Deaderick.

Annie Besant, by Geoffrey West, published by The Viking Press, New York. Price, cloth, \$2.00 through The Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Illinois.

The life of Annie Besant, international president of The Theosophical Society, is a fascinating subject. More than fifty years in the public eye, her life contains all the elements of an excellent story—tremendous activity, romance, a crusading spirit, plots of an amazing variety, the heights of power, overwhelming love for mankind.

It would take a large book, in fact several large books, to do adequate justice to Mrs. Besant's labors in so many fields that they tax the strength of intimate co-workers who keep up with her varied activities. And naturally, in this small book of less than 200 pages, written primarily for the non-Theosophical reader, we can find nothing more than a bare sketch of what she is doing.

Mr. West is honest enough at the beginning. He impresses you that Mrs. Besant's greatest asset was her passion for freedom. He describes her formative years, her love for the church which led to her marriage to a minister thereof, their separation, her plunge into atheism and association with Bradlaugh, Shaw, Scott and others, then her meeting with H. P. Blavatsky and Olcott and finally her ascendancy as a famous orator and leader of the Theosophical movement.

Very interestingly, the book rapidly sketches the changing scenes like a motion picture. We see Mrs. Besant succeeding

Madame Blavatsky upon the latter's death, we see her emerging the victor in the row with the followers of William Q. Judge, we see her traveling over the world, visiting every country, lecturing and presiding over meetings, giving to the society some of her own tremendous energy and gaining recruits everywhere.

Thus is Mrs. Besant portrayed up to the last chapter, then for no reason at all, Mr. West imposes his personal opinions on the reader and spoils everything. Who, he asks, will remember Mrs. Besant fifty or one hundred years from now? Will she go down in history as having contributed something useful for the benefit of mankind?

Mrs. Besant has labored for many years on behalf of the Indian peoples. She has established colleges there and instituted reforms. She has suffered internment and hardships on behalf of India. Surely, for this work alone, she ought to go down in history.

Mrs. Besant has contributed a score of books to the world's knowledge, any one of which has enlightened many a hungry soul groping about in the darkness. These books have satisfied many non-Theosophists, and for these books alone she ought to go down in history.

Mrs. Besant has done an important work for Co-Masonry which would not have achieved its power and usefulness had it not been for her. All Co-Masons will agree that she will be remembered for many years.

Mrs. Besant's efforts for world education, for The Star and finally for the Theosophical movement are too well known to be even mentioned here. She really needs no champion, for her work will stand for ages after Mr. West has been quite forgotten.—John Nimick.

Reviews in Brief

All Books through the Theosophical Press

EDITED BY ALBERT R. DE PINA

Matter and Motion, by J. Clerk Maxwell, reprinted with notes and appendices by Sir Joseph Larmor, F.R.S. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York. Through the Theosophical Press. Price, cloth, \$2.00.

This is a reprint of a classical work on the principles of dynamics, first issued in 1877. While not intended for the average reader, to those interested in advanced mathematics, physics and astronomy it will prove to be a fascinating volume. It is of special value in that it gives the fundamental doctrines of matter and motion and may well be regarded as an introduction to the study of physical science in general.—W. Scott Lewis.

The Theosophist's Attitude, Convention Lectures delivered at Benares, India, December, 1926, by C. W. Leadbeater, G. S. Arundale and C. Jinarajadasa. Price, cloth-boards, \$1.00, through the Theosophical Press.

This group of lectures exemplifying the

Theosophist's attitude towards "death and the unseen," "nationalism and internationalism," "science and its message," and the "arts," by the above mentioned as well as Mr. Yadunandan Prasad, are representative of the best contemporary as well as modern Theosophical thought. There is a quiet certainty, a virtuosity and a profundity of knowledge in these lectures that make them unique material for the student, and an affirmation for the advanced Theosophist.—Miss H. L. Holt.

The Strength of Religion as Shown by Science, by Charles E. de M. Sajous, M.D., Sc.D., LL. D. Published by The F. A. Davis Co., Philadelphia, Penn. Price, cloth, \$2.50, through the Theosophical Press.

A sincere attempt to show that there is actually no conflict between religion in its broad sense, and modern science. Somewhat strained by the author's attempt to please Fundamentalism. Valuable however, in such chapters as those dealing with erroneous He-

brew translations, and especially, as a critic of the transitional period through which religion is passing.—W. Scott Lewis.

England, by Wm. R. Inge, C.V.O., D.D. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price, cloth, \$3.00, through the Theosophical Press.

Dean Inge has always taken the entire field of knowledge for his province; but never before has he crammed such an erudite wealth into so small a space. His outline of the religious, geographic, political and racial history of Albion, is a marvel of condensation. Whether one does or does not agree with his ideas, he is at least worthy of admiration because of his utter and unashamed frankness, if for nothing else. We, who must, if we are to realize the ideal of *Brotherhood*, know the "word" of each nation, should not pass by this volume, where the "Gloomy Dean" gives us—*England!*—Mary Victoria Carter.

Creative Education in School, College, University and Museum, by Henry Fairfield Osborn. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price, cloth \$2.50, through the Theosophical Press.

This, the latest book from the hand of the distinguished scientist and educator, Dr. Osborn, consists of collected addresses and essays produced for various occasions throughout the past fifty years. Dr. Osborn after a brilliant career, is now the President of the American Museum of Natural History. He has done more, perhaps, than any other one man to make the museum a positive factor in education, instead of a purely negative one. Common sense pervades the book. The author has maintained during many years an enthusiastic attitude towards his work, and an open mind toward new ideas. A book of great interest for the general reader and an inspiration for the teacher.—L. L. Partlow.

The Hindu Colony of Cambodia, by Prof. Phanindra Nath Bose, M.A. Published by The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras, India. Price, cloth, \$1.50; boards, \$1.25, through the Theosophical Press.

Cambodia, in French Indo-China is the neighbor to Siam and Annam. Politically it has little significance; culturally, it is one of the outposts of Indian civilization, and therefore of interest to students of Indian Wisdom. The author's central thought is that Cambodia is a colony of the Hindu Empire—not politically, it is true—but culturally, spiritually. Not by reason of conquest, but by reason of the infiltration of Hindu thought and Hindu culture. On the whole a very readable essay in spite of its scholarly precision.—A. Horne.

Supernormal Faculties in Man, An experimental Study, by Eugene Osty, translated from the French by Stanley de Brath, M. Inst. C.E. Published by E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. Price, cloth \$6.00, through the Theosophical Press.

Monsieur Osty is a genuine investigator, who has set out with an open and unbiased

mind to find out the truth. He has begun by jettisoning the vocabulary of orthodox mysticism and establishing a nomenclature which will bear etymologic and scientific scrutiny. The word "clairvoyant" which in reality, means but little, he has replaced with the word "metagnosis," which means the power to apprehend things which are beyond the range of normal perception. The volume is divided into four parts, corresponding to different aspects of physical and metaphysical cognition where he uses an original nomenclature. On the whole a monumental textbook on occult powers. No sincere and earnest student of occultism can afford to overlook this book, and no metaphysical library will be quite complete without it.—George B. Lake, M.D.

The Occult Anatomy of Man, by Manly P. Hall, second revised Edition. Published by The Hall Publishing Co., Los Angeles, Cal. Price, paper, 50c through the Theosophical Press.

Human anatomy, even from the purely physical standpoint, is a sufficiently interesting study to engage the attention of an active mind, but when one begins to search through the human frame for hints and symbols of superhuman correspondences, as the author of this volume has done, it becomes truly fascinating. The chapter on Occult Masonry is of the utmost practical importance to every member of that Ancient Craft.—George B. Lake, M.D.

Duality Eternal, Anonymous. Published by C. W. Daniel, Co., London, England. Price, cloth, \$1.00, through the Theosophical Press.

Here is a small book of some sixty pages dealing with the ever fascinating theory of "Duality of Soul." The subject is handled by the anonymous author in a most unique way, and despite the fact that he (or she) proceeds to make her own laws of Reincarnation in a truly amazing manner, the little volume, if not taken too seriously, makes a pleasant enough half-hour's entertainment. For after all, who among us fails to thrill to the magic words: "Past Lives!"—M. Gracey Elliott.

Unseen Forces, by Manly P. Hall. Second revised edition. Published by The Hall Publishing Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Price, paper 50c through the Theosophical Press.

It is seldom that one finds an equal amount of information compressed into sixty-two pages. Mr. Hall, however, has a knack of saying much in a few words and as he is probably one of the most deeply learned occultists in America, one is certain to find in his books a wealth of instructive lore. In the six chapters of this small book are described "Nature Spirits," "Thought Forms," "Ghosts and Specters" and "The Dweller on the Threshold." Elements and the Elementals are described in the foreword. A valuable contribution, and well worth reading and studying.—Elma Iona Locke.

The Child, The Clinic and The Court. A group of papers by Julia Lathrop, Wm. Healy, Miriam Van Waters, Franz Boas, Joel D. Hunter, Ben B. Lindsey, Grace Abbott, Herman Alder, Julian Mack, F. P. Cabot, and others. Published by The New Republic Inc., New York. Price, paper \$1.00.

The famous *Symposia* of the ancient Greeks come to mind in reading this stirring collection of papers by twenty-seven leaders of American Thought, where they attempt to solve the problem, the immense problem, of the "Delinquent Child." One fancies Socrates would nod his approval of the attitudes taken by the various contributors. Socrates would approve, and as he would ask, "Why?" Because they formulate great ideals without losing sight of their practical application. These papers are a great source of satisfaction to this reviewer at least, who must daily come into close contact with the mediaeval machinery of the average criminal court, where they do not have the least inkling of the correct manner in which to deal with the youthful delinquent. The papers are brief, simply phrased, free from academic pedantry and designed to reach the layman. As an attorney, very young Theosophically, this reviewer has often wished to take many Theosophists who live sheltered, uneventful lives into the raw contacts of the "courts," that they might see and realize the bitter, crying need of just the understanding and help that Theosophists could give but do not, usually through ignorance of existing conditions. It is just such a symposia as this that fills the vital need for a direct, precise appraisal of the situation. I recommend it unqualifiedly.—John D. Reynolds, LL.D.

A New Magazine

Volume 1, No. 1, of the *World Mother* (May) has arrived. It is a 16-page magazine, beautifully printed, with a frontispiece of Chatterjee's painting Lakshmi Devi. The contents are "The New Annunciation," a sermon delivered by Dr. Besant at Adyar on the occasion of the festival of the Annunciation, 1928, "The Call of the World Mother," with an introductory note by Dr. Besant and "To The World Mother," a poem by Rukmini. The subscription price of the magazine is not stated.

World Peace

Mr. A. Ross Read proposes the following resolution, which will be brought up at the coming Convention this month:

"What modifications of, additions to, and improvements, relative to the present course and condition of the American Theosophical Society, are necessary to be made in order to make it the greatest possible power for promoting World Peace."

Do not fail to obtain a certificate of purchase when you buy your railway ticket to Chicago. It is the only way to get half fare for the return journey. Even if you are not going back be sure to get the certificate anyhow and hand it to the committee at Convention. It will be very useful.

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Mrs. Marie L. Kasak, Wisconsin Lodge (Madison).

Miss Jeanette M. Eaton.

To Lodge Secretaries

If any Lodge secretaries did not receive the letters to the members of their Lodges requesting payment of dues, or need additional ones, they may be obtained by writing Headquarters.

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